

Jude 02: Duality of Hidden Worth

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Prologue: Addressed to ALL Christians

Saved in Christ: Called then Kept

- ▶ The *called*, κλητός, kletos, have heard the voice of God calling them to be **saved** (Jn 3:16-21; 1Th 4:16-18; Re 4:1)
 - ▶ While election is the process, calling is the verb by which one is saved
 - ▶ Illustrated by Paul's *calling*, salvation experience, hyperbolized for emphasis (Ac 9:1-6)
 - ▶ No one comes to salvation unless the Father *calls* them to Christ (Jn 6:44)
 - ▶ Therefore, **every** believer is equal; slave or totally dependent on Christ (Ga 3:23-29)
- ▶ But it is not enough to be called, one's faith must also be guarded {kept}
 - ▶ Father guards those He saves, *keeping* them in the faith; i.e., preventing them from *falling away* (Is 53:6; Mk 6:34; Jn 10:25-30)
 - ▶ Even learning or maturing in the faith is apart from works; it is the Spirit teaching one through the Scriptures (Jn 14:15-24; 16:5-15; 1Co 2:14)

Duality: Study of Comparisons or Contrasts - Revealed and Hidden

- ▶ Duality: Major teaching tool throughout Scripture
 - ▶ When two concepts are similar, they reinforce the subject at hand
 - ▶ When two concepts are dissimilar, they contrast the differences for clarity
- ▶ Examples of Duality:
 - ▶ Saints - Sinners
 - ▶ Light - Dark
 - ▶ Father-Spirit {Both are spirit} - Son {Inhabits a body: Flesh then New Body, like us}
- ▶ Jude's skillful use of duality began in last lesson
 - ▶ Christians - Called and kept by the Father
 - ▶ False Teachers -- Pretend to be Christian; but, not called or kept by God: Judged

Subtle Duality Compares and Contrasts: Saved and Lost in the Flesh

- ▶ Jude draws clear demarcation between Saved and Lost
 - ▶ Hyperbole to contrast very different methodologies; concentrates on the Lost
 - ▶ However, these differences are subtle in life making False Teachers effective
 - ▶ Paul gives us insight to clearly understand Jude's grave concern of this real threat
- ▶ Jude lists a triad of godly attributes; I was looking for polar opposites (Jud 2)
 - ▶ Mercy - Unmerciful Peace - Anger Love - No Natural Affection
- ▶ Paul's unmerciful, translated as a reprobate or debased mind, today means a person of bad character or habits {Cambridge English Dictionary} (Ro 1:28-32)
 - ▶ This is not meaning of the Greek; lesson in hermeneutics: Use author's definition
 - ▶ Let us look at how the Greek word was used in Paul's time; very instructive

{ἀδόκιμος, adokimos}: Revealing One's Worth or Lack Thereof

- ▶ ἀδόκιμος is the negative form of δόκιμος, dokimos, approved by testing; thus, testing reveals one is not approved or worthy
 - ▶ This concept applies directly to testing coinage or metallic currencies (Pr 25:4)
 - ▶ I will use coinage to illustrate how God uses the Hagiazo Process to reveal the differences between the Saved in the Flesh and the Lost in the Flesh
- ▶ Christ's parable of Wheat and Tares points to the outward similarities making identification between Saved and Lost difficult for Man and Angels (Mt 13:24-30)
 - ▶ Satan brought sin to Man {in the Flesh} and all born in sin since (Ge 3:5, 11-15; Ro 3:10-18)
 - ▶ Men and Angels see the outward, cannot discern correctly; God sees inside (1Sa 16:7)
 - ▶ God says to let them grow together until the judgment then He will separate them
 - ▶ Thus, Hagiazo Process is not just for the Saved but also the Lost simultaneously

Everyone Hidden in Corruptible Vessels of Flesh

- ▶ All are born in sin (Ps 51:5)
- ▶ Christ had to put on Flesh, hiding His nature, to learn mercy (He 2:14-18)
- ▶ The Flesh, corruptible, cannot inherit Heaven; only incorruptible (1Co 15:45-50)
- ▶ New Nature, Salvation, only observed by outward *works* (2Co 5:17)
- ▶ Testings and pressures of life; often caused by Lost and our sins reveals one's true nature (Ja 1:13-15; 1Pe 4:1-6)



Coins Imprinted with Maker's Mark

- ▶ Every coin imprinted with the mark of the sovereign: Ownership
- ▶ Every person also imprinted with their lord's mark: Ownership
- ▶ Lost, debased coinage, carry Satan's mark (Jn 8:4; Re 13:14-17)
- ▶ Saved, gold-silver, carry Lord's mark, the indwelling Spirit (2Co 1:21-22; Ep 1:11-14)
- ▶ God sees people *inside*, but we cannot and must discern people's actions via the Bible (Mt 7:15-20; He 5:11-14)



Because of our Flesh We See Via an Enigma

- ▶ Our vision remains clouded by our flesh which can only be Controlled by the Spirit (Ro 8:5-10)
- ▶ Having *weak*, scattered, vision we become susceptible to error (Mt 6:22-24)
- ▶ Without firm grasp of God's Word taught by Spirit, we are tossed about by every wind of error (1Co 2:14; Ep 4:4-14)
- ▶ To the ἀδόκιμος, mind God's ways are incoherent foolishness and are rejected (Ro 1:28-32; 1Co 1:18-24)





Lost Do Not Seek to be Gold: Dross

- ▶ Many Jews rejected God's grace; embraced their sin {Dross} (Is 1:22)
- ▶ All the Lost are dross, sin, and rejected by God (Ps 119:119)
- ▶ Their own works prove them unworthy (Ro 1:28-32; Re 20:11-15)
- ▶ God alone changes some to gold, not us; teachers take great care (Ex 33:18-19; Ro 9:14-16; 1Co 3:10-15; Ep 2:8-10)
- ▶ Jude's False Teachers seek to *make* YOU unworthy coinage by hiding God's Truth (Mt 23:1-36)